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Applicant: Ari MANNIKKO Conf: 7070  
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For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING BUNDLES OF BOARDS AND A  
SUPPORT BED FOR USE IN SUCH AN APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 11), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

All claims are reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner, with **claims 1, 5, and 12-14 being amended and claims 19 and 20 being added** as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An apparatus for handling stacked units of boards, said apparatus comprising a stacker carrier (5) capable of moving a plurality of stacked units (2)